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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ATSUSHI OHTANI ET AL.

Application No.: 08/878,581

Filed: June 19, 1997

For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD

Examiner: Ngoc-Yen Vu

Group Art Unit: 2612

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
OF RECEIPT OF THE CERTIFIED COPY OF THE PRIORITY DOCUMENT

Sir:

As a preliminary matter, Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy of the Japanese Priority Application No. 169716/1996 that was submitted with the Claim to Priority on April 4, 2000. A copy of the Claim to Priority, the submitted certified copy of the priority application, and the stamped postcard indicating receipt of the above, are attached with this amendment.

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

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